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Mr. David A. Fegan  
Morris, Pearce, Gardner & Pratt  
American Security Building  
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fegan:

Thank you for your letter of April 7 inviting me to be your guest at the Rockville Kiwanis Club dinner on May 10, 1955.

It is with sincere regret that I must decline your kind invitation. Unfortunately, official obligations require me to address numerous service schools and other Government groups. This necessitates eliminating many outside engagements in which I would otherwise enjoy participating. Also, as you can well understand, the very fact that I am Director of Central Intelligence often makes it difficult and inappropriate for me to make public statements along the lines that I am sure your group would like to hear.

It is with decided reluctance therefore that I must say that I will not be present at your gathering but I do want to congratulate you on your excellent organization and to wish you every success.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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